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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing county boards of supervisors to establish the
2 number of members on agricultural extension councils and
3 providing for staggered terms of office.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 176A.5, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 176A.5 COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL.
1 4 ~~1. There shall be elected in each An extension district an~~
~~1 5 extension council consisting is established to govern each~~
~~1 6 extension district as provided in section 176A.4.~~

1 7 2. An extension council consists of nine members.
1 8 However, the county board of supervisors for that extension
1 9 district may adopt an ordinance to establish the membership of
1 10 the extension council. Such an ordinance must comply with all
1 11 of the following requirements:

1 12 a. The extension council must consist of five, seven, or
1 13 nine members.

1 14 b. The ordinance must provide for the staggered terms of
1 15 members without reducing the term of an elected member.

1 16 c. The ordinance must take effect at least ninety days
1 17 prior to the next election for members.

1 18 3. Each member of the extension council shall be a
1 19 resident registered voter of the extension district in which
1 20 they reside.

1 21 Sec. 2. Section 176A.7, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 22 amended to read as follows:

1 23 ~~1. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to law for~~
~~1 24 members elected in 1990, the The term of office of an~~
1 25 extension council member is four years. The term shall
1 26 commence on the first day of January following the date of the
~~1 27 member's election which is not a Sunday or legal holiday~~
1 28 following the member's election.

EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill amends Code chapter 176A, which is known as the
1 31 "County Agricultural Extension Law". Code section 176A.4
1 32 currently establishes extension districts in each county
1 33 except for Pottawattamie county which is divided into two
1 34 districts. The bill amends Code section 176A.5 which provides
1 35 for the election of nine members who sit as the extension
2 1 council governing the extension district. Council members
2 2 serve for staggered terms of office. Thus, on January 2,
2 3 2009, four out of the nine members' terms expire and on
2 4 January 2, 2010, the remaining five members' terms expire (see
2 5 1990 Iowa Acts, ch. 1149).

2 6 The bill provides that the county board of supervisors for
2 7 the district may adopt an ordinance changing the number of
2 8 members on the extension council, subject to certain
2 9 conditions. First, there must be an odd number of members:
2 10 five, seven, or nine. Second, there cannot be a reduction in
2 11 the term of a member who has been elected. Finally, the
2 12 ordinance must take effect at least 90 days prior to the next
2 13 election. The bill contains no limitations on the frequency
2 14 of changes to the membership by the county board.

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